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OHIO

WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

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OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the state was 65.1 degrees, 9.3 degrees above normal for the week ending Sunday, May 6. Precipitation averaged 0.05 inches, 0.71 inches below normal. The South Central district received the most precipitation with 0.19 inches, while the West Central, Central, and Southwest districts only received 0.01 inches. Growing degree days were 37 days above normal.

Reporters rated 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven day period ending Friday, May 4. This is 2.4 days more than last year and 4.0 days more than the 1996-00 average. Topsoil moisture was rated 3 percent very short, 32 percent short, 63 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus.

Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 st week of April
2001	6.9	3.7	23.2
2000	4.5	3.7	17.1
1996-2000	2.9	3.1	18.2

Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	3	32	63	2
Last Week	1	4	78	17
Same Week Last Year	0	4	85	11
1996-2000 Average	1	7	47	45

FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY MAY 6

Reporters estimated that **Winter Wheat** is 85 percent jointed, this is 5 days behind last year and 9 days ahead of the 1996-00 average. One hundred percent of the **Oat** crop has been planted. This is 8 days ahead of last year and 29 days ahead of the five year average. Respondents estimate that 70 percent of oats have emerged. This is 2 days ahead

of last year and 4 days ahead of the 1996-00 average. **Tobacco** growers have 93 percent of their tobacco beds seeded, this is 9 days behind last year. Eighty percent of tobacco beds have visible growth, this is 1 day ahead of last year. Respondents estimate that seventy-three percent of the **Corn** crop is planted, this is six days ahead of last year and fifteen days ahead of the 1996-00 average. Nine percent of the corn crop has emerged, this is 2 days ahead of last year and 3 days ahead of the 1996-00 average. Forty-two percent of the **Soybean** crop has been planted, this is 6 days ahead of last year and eleven days ahead of the 1996-00 average. Approximately 51 percent of the **Potato** crop has been planted. This is three days ahead of last year, and four days ahead of the five year average.

Apples are 97 percent in green tip and 86 percent in full bloom, compared to 100 and 88 percent last year. **Peaches** are 97 percent in green tip and 91 percent in full bloom, compared to 100 and 85 percent in 2000.

Activities throughout the state include applying herbicides, fertilizer, and anhydrous ammonia; plowing, fitting, discing, hauling manure and grain, spraying fruit trees, equipment maintenance and preparation, sowing alfalfa seedings, seeding CRP filter strips, planting grasses, legumes, Christmas trees, cabbage, green beans, soybeans, corn, and sweetcorn, transplanting tomatoes, and selling of livestock throughout the state.

There were many reports of an unusual infestation of alfalfa weevil and spittlebug throughout the state. There were also reports of tent caterpillars damage on wild cherries in Washington, Harrison, and Scioto counties.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

Reporters rated 79 percent of the winter wheat crop in good to excellent condition. Pasture were rated 76 percent in good to excellent condition.

Livestock producers reported good to excellent conditions. Lambing and calving are progressing very well. Livestock are under no apparent stress, and the feed supplies are adequate in most areas.

PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY MAY 6

Crop	2001	2000	1996-00 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Corn planted	73	39	36	13	28
Corn emerged	9	2	4	NA	NA
Oats planted	100	90	83	71	29
Oats emerged	70	67	61	55	7
Potatoes planted	51	44	44	28	NA
Soybeans planted	42	17	16	6	NA
Sugarbeets planted	65	39	NA	48	27
Tobacco beds seeded	93	100	NA	89	NA
Tobacco beds having plants up	80	77	NA	69	NA
Winter wheat jointed	85	94	65	43	NA

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY MAY 6

APPLES	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	0	3	19	66	12
Previous Week	1	4	19	60	16
Previous Year	3	3	18	59	17
HAY					
Current Week	0	2	21	62	15
Previous Week	0	3	16	63	18
Previous Year	0	5	21	57	17
PASTURE					
Current Week	0	4	20	59	17
Previous Week	0	3	19	59	19
Previous Year	1	4	23	53	19
PEACHES					
Current Week	1	7	26	55	11
Previous Week	2	10	26	47	15
Previous Year	5	9	17	53	16
WINTER WHEAT					
Current Week	1	3	17	57	22
Previous Week	1	3	18	56	22
Previous Year	0	1	12	51	36

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY MAY 6

	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days ^{1/}			
Region	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
Northwest	65.9	10.8	0.02	-0.63	3.58	-0.23	107	44	338	111
North Central	65.2	10.6	0.03	-0.63	3.50	-0.26	104	44	333	115
Northeast	63.6	10.1	0.05	-0.63	3.31	-0.46	97	40	312	98
West Central	66.4	10.4	0.01	-0.70	3.80	-0.40	112	45	402	149
Central	65.3	9.0	0.01	-0.77	3.77	-0.41	106	36	406	138
Central Hills	64.3	9.7	0.08	-0.68	4.03	-0.03	100	39	351	116
Northeast Hills	63.9	8.9	0.06	-0.70	3.84	-0.13	98	33	352	103
Southwest	66.5	8.9	0.01	-0.93	3.16	-1.54	110	36	443	147
South Central	65.4	7.8	0.19	-0.69	2.41	-1.96	106	28	456	132
Southeast	64.1	7.8	0.07	-0.72	3.69	-0.54	103	30	413	124
STATE	65.1	9.3	0.05	-0.71	3.50	-0.63	105	37	385	125

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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